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Title:

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Sir:

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.

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Total effective claims after amendment minus highest number

x \$50.00 \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$ previously paid for (at least 20) = 79

minus highest number Independent claims after amendment 3

x \$200.00 \$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$ (at least 3) =previously paid for 0

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add

\$360.00 (1051)/\$180.00 (2051) \$

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One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251) paper and attachment(s)

Two Month Extensions \$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252)

Three Month Extensions \$1020.00 (1253/\$510.00 (2253)

Four Month Extensions \$1590.00 (1254/\$795.00 (2254) \$

\$130.00 (1814)/\$65.00 (2814) \$ Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add

Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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Other: The RCE Fee indicated in the attached RCE Transmittal being filed concucrrently herewith \$

> **TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$** 0.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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